

I have been honored to work with Senator Bond during my time as President, and Laura and I wish Kit, Linda, and their son, Samuel, all the best in the future.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 3

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

January 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and combatant commanders. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss her January 6 trip to the United Nations.

The President declared a major disaster in Hawaii and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding from December 10–16.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and flooding beginning on December 11 and continuing.

January 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fort Myer, VA, where they attended a military appreciation parade. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a lunch for Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations and his wife, Yoo (Ban) Soon-taek.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with congressional leaders.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Accra, Ghana, to attend the inauguration of President John Evans Atta Mills on January 7: Ronald A. Tschetter (head of delegation); Donald G. Teitelbaum; and R. Timothy Ziemer.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert D. McCallum, Jr., as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Martin Faga as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes: James C. Boggs; William Burck; Ronald A. Cass; and Emmet Flood.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fred F. Fielden and Daniel M. Price as members of the Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

The President announced his intention to appoint Raymond Loretto and Virgil Trujillo as members of the Board of Directors of the Valles Caldera Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports: David Allen Josserand (and, upon appointment, designate him as Chairman); Kirk M. Bauer (and, upon appointment, designate him as Vice Chairman); Steven Bornstein; Susan Lieberman Dell; Allyson Felix; Susan Finn; Diego Gutierrez; James W. Holsinger; Michelle Wing Kwan; Robert A. "Bobby" Labonte; Edward R. Laskowski; Elisha N. "Eli" Manning; David W. Marsh; Leslie E. "Les" Miles; Omar Minaya; Richard F. "Digger" Phelps; Ruth Riley; and Jason Sehorn.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: Elliot Abrams; Joshua B. Bolten; Alan I. Casden; Michael Chertoff; William Danhof; Sanford Gottesman; Cheryl Feldman Halpern;

J. David Heller; Amy Kaslow; M. Ronald Krongold; Michael B. Mukasey; and Daniel Silva.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sally K. Mason, Robert Y. Moore, and Henry Yang as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy Ann Starnes and Hans A. Van Winkle as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

The President announced his intention to designate Lynne A. Osmus as Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The President announced his intention to designate Susan E. Dudley as Acting Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget.

January 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and former President George H.W. Bush participated in an interview with Brit Hume of FOX News. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with President-elect Barack Obama.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, and William J. Clinton and President-elect Barack Obama. Then, in the Private Dining Room, he hosted a lunch for the former Presidents and President-elect Obama. Later, at DAR Constitution Hall, he made remarks to Presidential appointees.

January 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Philadelphia, PA, where, at the General Philip Kearny School, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Adam Bruckner. They then visited several classrooms and met with students.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable discussion on the No Child Left Behind Act.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

January 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the Bolling Club at Bolling Air Force Base, he visited with White House Communications Agency and White House Transportation Agency staff.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm and flooding from December 11–29.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 8

Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Rufus Gunn King, III, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino